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1. On 1 August 1948 Dr. Leonid Voronine had a total of 96 baboons and Tota monkeys in cages at the Dejazmach Belcha Hospital in Addis Ababa. These animals were all that survived out of a lot of approximately one hundred and fifty which had been collected by Dmitri Pavlov, a Bulgarian hunter. Although Pavlov stated that some mandrills were included in the collection, informant maintains that the animals were baboons (Genus Papio, Erxleben) and Tota monkeys (Genus Lasiopyga, Illiger). [REDACTED] Comment. The mandrill does not inhabit Ethiopia, but there is a ribbed-faced baboon which bears a superficial resemblance to the mandrill.) The majority of the specimens were mature baboons.
2. The primates were shipped by rail to Djibouti and on 24 August were placed aboard the KHARKOV. The ship stayed outside the port for three days, and during this time eight of the specimens died. The KHARKOV then went to Aden and remained there for three weeks. By the end of this period over half of the remaining animals had died.
3. Before he left Ethiopia Dr. Voronine commissioned Pavlov to collect an additional 100 specimens, and Pavlov is now working on this assignment, according to informant.

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